

**MINUTES OF THE  
PUBLIC UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY INTERIM COMMITTEE**  
Wednesday, October 18, 2006 – 2:00 p.m. – Room W015 House Building

**Members Present:**

Sen. Gregory S. Bell, Senate Chair  
Rep. Sheryl L. Allen, House Chair  
Sen. Beverly Ann Evans  
Sen. Mike Dmitrich  
Sen. Darin G. Peterson  
Rep. Ralph Becker  
Rep. Bradley M. Daw  
Rep. Lorie D. Fowlke  
Rep. Fred R. Hunsaker  
Rep. Rosalind J. McGee  
Rep. Michael E. Noel  
Rep. Ross I. Romero

Rep. Aaron Tilton  
Rep. Richard W. Wheeler

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Curtis S. Bramble  
Rep. David Ure

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Richard C. North, Policy Analyst  
Mr. Christopher R. Parker, Associate General Counsel  
Ms. Tracey Fredman, Legislative Secretary

**Note:** A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

**1. Committee Business**

Chair Allen called the meeting to order at 2:13 p.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Hunsaker moved to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2006 meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Becker, Rep. McGee, and Rep. Wheeler were absent for the vote.

**2. Renewable Energy Tax Credit: Draft Legislation**

Mr. Parker distributed and discussed provisions of 2007 General Session draft legislation, "Renewable Energy Tax Credit."

Mr. David Taylor, State Manager for Regulation, Rocky Mountain Power, spoke in favor of incentives for renewable energy.

Rep. Allen said this bill will be reviewed in the November meeting.

**3. Clean Coal Technology/Transportation: Energy For the Future?**

Mr. Ned Leonard, Associate Vice-President for Policy, Center for Energy and Economic Development, gave a presentation in support of coal as a fuel for the future, and responded to questions from the Committee.

**4. Utah Energy Report**

Dr. Laura Nelson, State Energy Advisor, distributed and reviewed "2006 Energy Advisor Report to the Utah Legislature: Energy Policy and Development in Utah," and responded to questions from the Committee.

**5. Utah Education Network (UEN): Broadband Connectivity Report**

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Dr. Michael Peterson, Executive Director, Utah Education Network, distributed and reviewed "Utah Education Network: Partnering with Utah's Schools and Colleges to Connect Utah Students to the Future."

**6. Other Items / Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Rep. Daw moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Dmitrich, Rep. Allen, Rep. Fowlke, Rep. Romero, and Rep. Wheeler were absent for the vote.

Chair Bell adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m.